

## **5 StarState Certification Framework Discussion Draft**

### **What qualifies a business to be certified?**

1. The business has a written plan about how they are:
  - a. Implementing or exceeding state prevention guidelines.
  - b. Implementing or exceeding local prevention.
  - c. Have a clear compliance and enforcement plan.
2. 100% mask wearing amongst staff and customers with strong compliance and enforcement protocols.
3. All employees do daily symptom checks or screening either with CDPHE symptom tracker tool or other approved protocol.
4. Regular outreach to employees and customers to activate Exposure Notifications.
5. Businesses must record the name and contact number of customers to be used for contact tracing should a case be traced back to that business.
6. Business complies with industry specific requirements including:
  - a. Restaurants - table spacing is at least 10 feet, and reservations are required.
  - b. Gyms - reservations are required.
  - c. Personal services - reservations are required.
  - d. Further industry specific requirements will continue to be developed.
7. Any business that has been cited for noncompliance with a public health order is ineligible to be certified.

### **How is it administered?**

- Each county should set up an Administrative Committee responsible for implementing the program. The committee must include the Local Public Health Agency and may include other partners like the local Chamber of Commerce, nonprofits, or industry association members. If new resources are required to stand up this program, counties should demonstrate the new resources being made available to the LPHA.
- The Administrative Committee applies to CDPHE for approval to stand up the program by demonstrating that they have the capacity to run the program without detracting from other core response capabilities, like testing, contact tracing, or enforcement of state and local public health orders.
- The business completes a CDPHE webinar describing the rules, responsibilities, and requirements as well as basics of prevention.
- The business applies for certification through the Administrative Committee.
- The LPHA, or their designated member of the Administrative Committee, must perform a site inspection and review the written plan to certify the business.
- The Administrative Committee regularly monitors compliance of members, and conducts enforcement actions like removing certification for businesses that are noncompliant.

- CDPHE may remove approval for the Administrative Committee if they do not conduct compliance and enforcement.

**What are the eligibility and benefits of the certification?**

Level	Eligibility	Benefit for Certified Businesses
<b>Green</b>	N/A -- auto-increase process already built into Protect Our Neighbors	Increases consumer confidence
<b>Blue</b>	Eligible	Certified businesses can operate with an additional 35 people added to their cap
<b>Yellow</b>	Eligible	Certified businesses can operate at <b>Blue</b> capacity levels
<b>Orange</b>	Eligible	Certified businesses can operate at <b>Yellow</b> capacity levels
<b>Red</b>	To be determined depending on results of Mesa pilot	To be determined depending on results of Mesa pilot
<b>Purple</b>	Not eligible	N/A

*\*Mesa County has a variance to operate its 5 Star program for 12 days while in Red. This pilot will provide needed data on if a 5 Star program is compatible with suppression goals of The Red Level. This data will inform the state framework for when 5 Star businesses can operate for other counties.\**

**What if cases rise in a community? When is the program suspended?**

- If a county reaches more than 90% of their county’s/RETAC hospital capacity.
- If a county reaches Red level metrics for more than a two week period.

**Next Steps and Timeline**

- **November 25:** Release discussion paper for public comment.
- **By December 4:** Review progress in Mesa to determine if this program is compatible with Red level.
- **December 4-11:** CDPHE to finalize parameters of this program with LPHAs, Chambers, restaurants, etc. based on Mesa county results.
- **December 14:** Publish final parameters of eligibility and operations.

- **December 14-18:** Conduct training with interested, eligible counties that want to stand up programs.
- **December 18:** Eligible counties can begin to launch if they have completed other steps.